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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 3600

In re Patent Application of

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Examiner: TAMARA L. GRAYSAY

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Title: DEMAND-PRODUCTION SCHEME PLANNING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\,\Bigcup \$65.00 (2814) \,\Bigcup \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed. Also enclosed is/are _____ Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the □ \$395.00 (2801) □ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ for which continued examination is requested. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also

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enclosed.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005 (Paper No. 20050928). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: